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To Whom it may concern-

I am writing to state my opinions about the proposed Microsoft settlement. The settlement does not punish Microsoft as it should. Instead, it gives Microsoft a boost when entering the education market due to software deals. The true manufacturing costs of producing the free Microsoft software has not been taken into consideration. The retail value of the software varies greatly from the actual cost of manufacturing. Hence, I feel that the Department of Justice is having the wool pulled over it's eyes by good lawyers.

I want to see Microsoft split into three great companies. It's Office and Internet Explorer software should be separated from it's operating systems. This combination is lethal to competition. Office, Internet Explorer, and Windows should stand alone against competitors. How many people have even heard of alternative word processing applications? Not very many, and I am having a hard time myself. Microsoft Word, has complete control. This is strangling competition. In addition to strangling word processing competitors by connecting themselves to the OS, Internet Explorer is destroying the Browser competition. By connecting Internet Explorer so tightly to Windows, it is hurting competition.

Please break up Microsoft into three great companies. Office, Internet Explorer, and Windows would be three great separate business's for consumers to choose if they wish.

Sincerely,

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